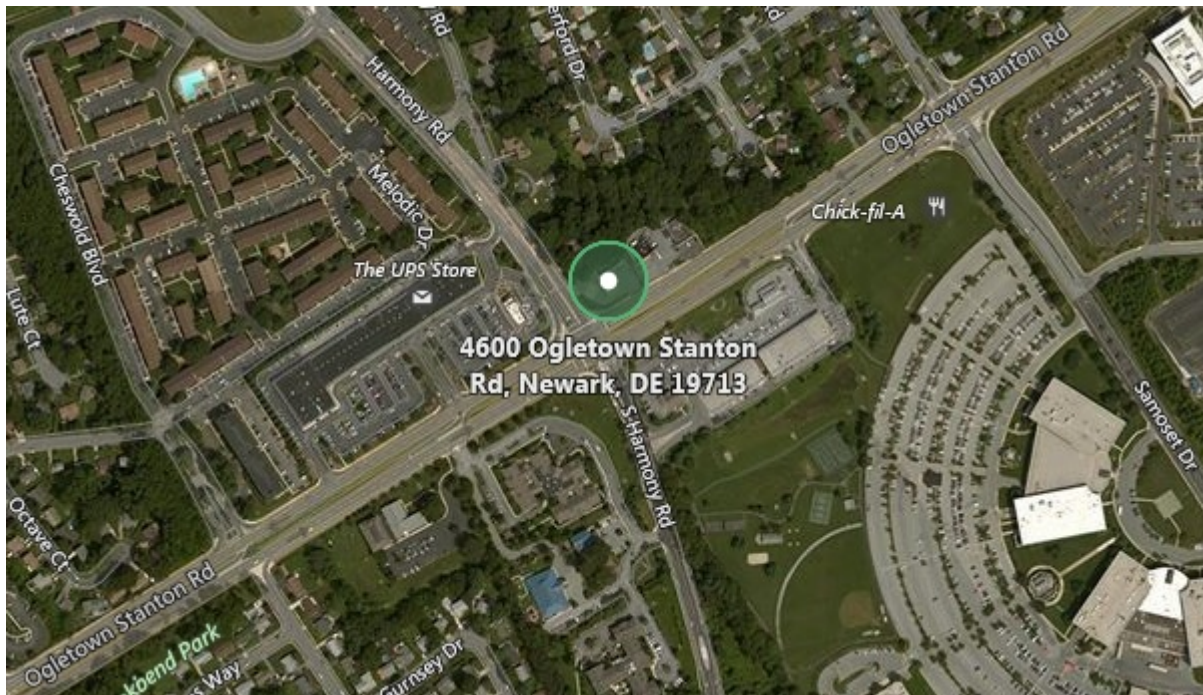


Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of Newark Area Gas Station



Newark (19713) – Delaware State Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Newark area gas station which took place over the weekend.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:09 a.m., Sunday, December 3, 2017, at the Exxon gas station, located at 4600 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark. A 31 year old male employee was working behind the sales counter about to wait on a customer, when he observed two masked suspects enter the business. The first suspect through the door immediately vaulted the sales counter, making contact with the victim, as the second suspect, ran around the counter, blocking any potential exit path. The victim was ordered to open the register, at which time Suspect #1 removed an undisclosed amount of cash. As Suspect #1, searched the sales counter for more money, Suspect #2, remained stationary, with both hands inside the front, pouch pocket of his sweatshirt, which led the victim to

believe that he was concealing a firearm. After obtaining the money, Suspect #1 again vaulted the counter, prior to exiting the business. Suspect #2 followed behind him. Both suspects were last seen running westbound towards Harmony Road.

Suspect #1 was described as black male, 5'6"-5'8", average build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, camouflaged pants and ski mask.

Suspect #2 is described as a black male, 6'00", average build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and a ski mask.

The victim was uninjured as a result of the incident.

The customer who had been in the business prior to the incident, had no property taken, was uninjured, and left the scene prior to the responding Trooper's arrival.

No surveillance footage is available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective B. McDerby at 302-365-8436. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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